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Dear Sirs

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We act for Dahabshii Transfer Services Ltd ("Dahabshii") which is a well known and respected company providing international money transfer services.

It has been brought to our attention that you host a website at www.waagacusub.com (the "Website"). The Website contains unfounded and defamatory statements about our client. In particular, the articles entitled "*Dahabshii joins Al-Shabaab funding companies Muqdisho*" dated 28 January 2009, "*Al-Shabaab to bomb money transfer company that processes payments for parliament*" dated 17 November 2008 and "*Somaliland opposition leader in quest for premiership*" dated 20 January 2009 (together "the Articles"). Copies of the Articles as they appear on the Website in Somali and copies of English translations are attached. We have written to the person responsible for the Website notifying him of the defamation of our client. A copy of that letter, which sets out the defamatory statements in the Articles, is attached.

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We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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Dahabshiil oo ku bürtay Shirkadaha maalgeliya Al-Shabaab.
Muqdisho, 28 Janaury 2009 Waagacusub Media

Xawaaladda Dahabshiil ayaa lacag dhan boqol kun oo dollar siisay Khawaarijta AlShabaab sida la xaqiijiyay iyadoo aan la ogeyn sababta khasabtay inay lacagta intaas dhan siyaan kooxo uu gabbalkooda sii dhacayo oo ku xiran Ururka Alqaeda.

Warar madaxbanaan oo la helayna waxay sheegayaan inay ku lug yeeshen Gantaalihii lagu qabtay Magaaladda Hargeisa oo labo ka mida raggii waday ay baxsadeen ka gadaal markii ay ka shaqeeyeen qaar ka mida hoowlwadeenada sare ee Dahabshiil.

Saraakiil ka tirsan Somaliland ayaa Dahabshiil ku esdeyay inay ku mifantay siyaasad qalqal gelineyso amaanka Jamhuuriyadda Somaliland.

Gantaalihii lagu qabtay Hargeysa ee lidka diyaaradaha waxaa waday afar ragga, waxaana baxsaday labo ka mida oo ka soo jeedo degaanka Dhuusamareeb sida ay xaqiijiyeen Wardoonka Somaliland.

29 October 2008 Waxaa Hargeysa ka dhacay qaraxyo waaweyn oo la rumeysan yahay inay ka shaqeeyeen ganacsato ku xiran AlQaeda, oo adeegsanaya kooxda Khawaarijta AlShabaab.

Xisaabiyahii hore ee Dahabshiil Xersi Cali oo siyaasadda ka soo galay daaqadda Dahabshiil ayey Ciidamadda Wardoonka Somaliland xabsiga dhigeen ka gadaal markii duleedka Burco laga qabtay isagoo watay gaari, kana shaqeeynayay agaasimida weeraro ka dhana amaanka Somaliland sida uu hore u sheegay Wasiiirka Arrimaha gudaha Somaliland.

Wasiiir Arrimaha Gudaha Somaliland wuxuu ninkaas la xiriirshay Al-Shabaab taas oo uu ku waayay xilkisii ka mid ahaanshaha gudigga komiishinka, waxaana la rumeysan yahay in Miiskijaha Dahabshiil Mohamed Said Duale weli ka careeysan yahay xarigii Xersi Cali.

Mohamed Said Duale waa maalqabeen ka tirsan Ururka Al Itixaad hasse yeeshee si diblomaasiyadeeysan isu qariyo tan iyo markii ay dhaceen qaraxyadii New York ee loo xanibay shirkado ay ka mid tahay Barakaat.

Shabaabka lagama jecllo Somalia iyo Somaliland waxaana cidii taageerto loo arci karaa cadaw waloo ganacsatadda Somalia la rumeysan yahay inay u shaqeeyaan ama dhaqaalaha badan ka heleen maalqabeena ajnabiya oo ku dhuumaaleysanayo gudaha Somalia, kana dhiganaya gabaad, nabad la'aanta ka jirta geyigeena.

Xeelidheerayaasha waxay qabaan in Saxaafadda Somalia ka gaabisay tilmaanida Shirkadaha iyo shaqsiyaadka ku xiran kooxaha wax qarbuda ama nabad diidka, waxaana saluuga muucaanta u sababa Warbaahinta ama Weriyeayaasha Somalia oo u nugul waxa loo yaqaan Sharuur ama laaluush, ka dhigan af wax cunay xishoo.

Hoowlwadeenada Qaran Bank ayaa hore Waagacusub ugu eedeeyay inay faafiyaan warar ay abaabuleen Dahabshiil Bank basee yeeshee, Waagacusub wuxuu yoolkiisu yahay sidii siyaasiyiinta garnaqaatayaasha iyo ganacsatada nabad la'aanta ku bulaala ee uu ka midka yahay Dhiigshiil looga dulqaadi lahaa bulshada Somalia iyo Somaliland

<http://www.waagacusub.com/news/17.11.08.4.htm>

Shabaabka oo qarxinaya Xawaalada bixisa Mushaarka Baarlamaanka.
Muqdisho 17 November /2008 Waagacusub.com

Shabaabka Caalamiga ee Somalia ayaa la soo wariyay inay qaraxyo la damacsan yihiin Xawaalad bixiso Mushaaraadka Xildhibaanadda Baarlamaanka Federalka Somalia oo ay hore u siiyeen digniin la xiriirta inay joojiyaan lacagta Hay'ada UNDP u marsiiso Bankigooda.

Xawaaladda ay Shabaabka Bartilmaameedsanayaan oo ah Xawaaladda ugu horeysa Xawaaladaha Somalia ee Dahabshiil ayaan la ogayn waxay kala kulmi doonaan hadii ay hanjabaadooda ku dhiiradaan maadama ay tafay Shirkad ku hoo'lgaleysa qaabka ganacsiga xorta.

Warar hoose ayaa tbaaxay in Xawaalado ku kacsan Dahabshiil oo ay leeyihiin ganacsato u dhashay Sudan ay amreen falka lagu qalqal gelin rabo Shirkadda Dahabshiil.

Shabaabka Caalamiga waxay astaan u noqdeen falal ka baxsan Bini-aadamnimada iyo Shareecadda Islaamka, iyadoo dad badan ay la yaab ku noqotay qaraxyadii ay ku weerareen Jamhuuriyadda Somaliland.

<http://www.waagacusub.com/News/20.01.09%208siifaanyo.htm>

Topnews:Hogaamiyaha Mucaaradka Somaliland oo boodigoobaya Ra'isulwasare
Nairobi, 20 January 2009 Waagacusub Media

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Halkaan ka dhageyso Muxaadaro Janaqoow

Hogaamiyaha Xisbiga Mucaaradka ee Kulmiye Mujaahid Ahmed Siilaanyo ayaa la sheegay in Ra'isulwasaaraha Somalia loo magacaabi doono hadii ay kursiga Madaxweynenimada ku guuleeysteen sedex Musharax oo u dhashay beelweynta Hawiye, uguna cad cad Murashaxiinta isu diyaarinaya doorasho ka dhacda Djibouti.



Hogaamiyaha Xisbi Mucaaradka
Jamhuuriyadda Somaliland ayaa
Magaaladda Nairobi kulan
qarsoodiya kula yeeshay siyaasiyiin
ka mida Murashaxiinta
Madaxweynenimada sida ay
Waagacush u xaqiijiyeen ila
wareedyo muhiima/
Kulanka iyo qorshaha Ahmed
Siilaanyo ku jooga Nairobi ayaa la
sheegay inuu ka shaqeeyay
Milkiilaha Shirkadda Ganacsiga guud
ee Dahabshiil Mohamed Said

Ducaale oo ay isku heyb yihiin waloow aan la ogeyn ujeedka gulfkiisa siyaasadeed.

Shirkadda Dahabshiil oo ka mida Shirkadaha laga leeyahay Jamhuuriyadda Somaliland ee horumar kooda ganacsiga sare u qaaday tan iyo markii la xiray Shirkaddii Barakaat ayaan la ogeyn sababaha ku riixday inuu siyaasad ku lug yeesho hasse yeesho Somaliland iyo Somaliland waxaa isbedelada ka dhaca la rumeysan yahay inay garwadeen ka yihiin Maalqabeenada soo baxay ridistii Kacaankii 21 sano kadib.

Ku simaba Ra'isulwasaaraha Xukumadda Federaalka KMG Somalia Korneyl Nur Cadde oo ka mida sedexda Masuul ee wada badalada boose la yeeshay Ahmed Siilaanyo ayaa xaqiijiyay in hadii la doorto uu xal wanaagsan ka gaarayo siyaasadda Somaliland.

" Waxay ila tahay inay Somaliland ka dhici doonaan isbedel siyaasadeed, ma ogtahay shirkii Carte in Cabdi Qasim Sifaad iyo Mohamed Hajji Ibrahim Cigaal ku heshiyeen Hargeysa, heshiiskooduna abaa inuu doorashada uga qeybgalo kadibna ka dhigo Ra'isulwasaaraha, miicnaba wuxuu yahay inaysan xumeeyn siyaasadda hoose laakiin anigga iyo Ahmed Siilaanyo waanu wada hadalnay" ayuu yiri Korneyl Nur Cadde.

Masuul ka tirsan Somaliland ayaa dhaliilay Maalqabeenka Shirkadda Dahabshiil, wuxuuna xaqiijiyay jiritaanka in Ahmed Siilaanyo jaleecayo siyaasada dhanka koofureed.

" Waa Nasiib daro in Shirkadaha shacabka Somaliland ganacsigooda ku bulaalay ku noqdaan jalaaf qadiyadda Somaliland, taas waanu ognahay, waxaana noo socda daba gal" ayuu yiri Sarkaalkaan sare ee ka mida Masuuliyiinta Jamhuuriyadda Somaliland.

Dahabshiil oo isugu jirta Bank iyo Ganacsi guud waxay Horyaalnimada Xawaalada Somalia heysaa labadii sano ee la soo dhaafay hasse yeesho hadii ay cadaato inuu milkiilahaada faraha la galay hoowo ka dhana qadiyadda Somaliland waxaa la rumeysan yahay inuu ku weyn karo kalsoonida ganacsato iyo Muwaadiniito reer Somaliland u qabaan shirkadiisa, waxaana sidoo kale ay ku noqon kareysaa sharaf dhac

Hadalka soo baxay ayaa ku beegan xilli Somaliland looga diyaar garoobayo doorashadda Madaxtooyada oo Ahmed Siilaanyo ka mid yahay sedexda Murashax ee u taagan. Shacabka Somaliland ayaa la rumeysan yahay inay yihiin kuwa moowqifkoodu fogaaday oo aan sina ku aqbaleyn inay dib ula midoobaan koofurta Somalia oo sanado badan dagaalo ragaadiyeen.

Dahabshiil joins Al-Shabaab funding companies
Muuqdisho; 28 January 2009 Waagacusub Media

It has been confirmed that Dahabshiil paid one hundred thousand dollars to Al-Shabaab, but it is not clear why the company decided to pay such a large amount of money to groups linked to Al-Qaeda.

News from independent sources say that the company was involved in the heavy anti-aircraft artillery captured in Hargeisa. Dahabshiil staff members helped two people involved in this operation to escape from the authorities.

Of the four people involved, two from Dhuusamareeb town escaped as Somaliland intelligence sources confirmed.

With the help of Al Shabaab, businessmen linked to Al Qaeda were behind the major explosions that took place in Hargeisa on 29 October 2008.

Former Dahabshiil accountant, Xersi Cali, who got into politics through Dahabshiil, was jailed by Somaliland intelligence following his capture near Burao. He was organising attacks aimed at undermining Somaliland peace and security according to Somaliland Minister of Interior.

Somaliland interior minister linked Xersi to Al Shabaab and this was the reason why he lost his post in the Somaliland Election Commission. It is believed that the owner of Dahabshiil, Mohamed Said Duale, is still angry about the imprisonment of Xersi Cali.

Mohamed Said Duale is a wealthy man who is a member of Al Itihad, but he is a very diplomatic and he has succeeded to hide his association since the closure of Al-Barakaat.

No one likes Al Shabaab in Somalia and Somaliland and so anyone supporting them is seen as an enemy. Many Somali businesses work with or benefited from wealthy foreigners who hide inside Somalia and thrive in the lawlessness.

Experts believe that Somali media have failed to identify companies and individuals linked to terror groups opposed to peace. This is due to Somali journalists' acceptance of bribes.

In the past, Qaran Bank accused Waagacusub of spreading false news against their company on behalf of Dahabshiil Bank. The aim of Waagacusub is to get rid of politicians and businessmen such as Dhiigshiil (derogatory term for Dahabshiil owner) who are opposed to peace in Somalia and Somaliland.

Al-Shabaab to bomb money transfer company that processes payments for parliament
Mogadisho 17 November /2008 Waagacusub.com

Al-Shabaab intends to carry out bombing raids against a money transfer company that pays salaries of Somalia Transitional Government parliament, according to news reports. The company had been warned against facilitating UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) to transfer funds through their bank to the parliament.

The money transfer company threatened by Al-Shabaab is Dahabshiil, the leading money transfer company, and it is not clear what will happen to the company if it ignores the threat.

Earlier news reports said that money transfer companies owned by Sudanese business opposed to Dahabshiil had issued orders to destabilise Dahabshiil.

Inhumane acts and Sharia have become the hallmarks of Al-Shabaab. Many people were surprised by the recent bombing campaign the group waged against Somaliland Republic.

Somaliland Opposition Leader in Quest for Premiership

Nairobi, 20 January 2009, *Waagacusub Media*

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The Leader of the opposition Kulmiye party, war veteran Ahmed Siilaanyo, is reported to be slated for the premiership of Somalia if any of three 3 running candidates for the presidency, who belong to the same Hawiye clan, wins the race in elections to be held in Djibouti.

The opposition leader, as confirmed to *Waagacusub* by reliable sources, secretly met with some of the more prominent candidates in Nairobi.

The leader's current on-going trip to Nairobi is said to have been financially backed by the owner of Dababshiiil Remittances, who hails from the same ethnic clan as Ahmed Siilaanyo, although no light has been shed on why this big businessman has embarked on this political campaign at this particular juncture of time.

The true motives behind Dababshiiil's open involvement in politics is not clear. Dababshiiil is one of the biggest companies owned by nationals from the Republic of Somaliland. It emerged into prominence following the closure of the rival Barakaat company. It is widely accepted that big business establishments led by self-made tycoons emerging since the downfall of the deposed revolutionary regime are often involved in all major political upheavals in both Somalia and Somaliland.

The interim premier of the transitional national government colonel Nur Adde, one of the politicians that Mr. Ahmed Siilaanyo secretly ensconced with, confirmed that if elected he would resolve the Somaliland political impasse.

"I believe that political scenarios in both Somalia and Somaliland would undergo significant changes. In Arta, Djibouti, Abdiqassim Salad Hassan and (the late) Mohamed Haj Ibrahim Egal reached a deal in which Mr. Egal would campaign for the presidency of Abdiqassim who would in return appoint Egal as his premier. This indicates that political alliance between the two sides is to be commended. This is to say that Ahmed Siilaanyo and I had talks," Colonel Nur Adde said.

A top Somaliland officer condemned the tycoon/owner of Dababshiiil and confirmed that Ahmed Siilaanyo is looking towards the South for political leverage.

"It is unfortunate that business establishments that made extensive profits in Somaliland should metamorphose into political stumbling blocks against Somaliland's sovereignty. We are aware of the developments and would take all necessary measures to get to the bottom of it all," this top officer of the Republic of Somaliland administration avowed.

Dababshiiil has been voted the leader of all Somali remittance companies for the two consecutive years. If the allegations are proven, Dababshiiil will lose the trust and support of a great number of its Somalilander customer base. It will not only be a setback for the company, but the scandal will disgrace the owner and damage his reputation.

The allegation surfaces at a time when Somaliland is gearing for presidential elections in which Mr. Siilaanyo is one of the candidates for the post.

The people of Somaliland have been known to be stalwart supporters of their country's sovereignty who will never countenance or accept in any way a reunion with the war-ridden south.

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Dear Mr Alasow

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We act for Dahabshill Transfer Services Ltd ("Dahabshill") which is a well known and respected company providing international money transfer services.

We understand that you are the editor and/or proprietor of the website located at www.waagacusub.com (the "Website") and that you are responsible for its content. It has come to our client's attention that a number of articles have been published on the Website that are defamatory of Dahabshill. In particular, "Dahabshill joins Al-Shabaab funding companies Muqdisho" dated 28 January 2009 ("the First Article"), "Al-Shabaab to bomb money transfer company that processes payments for parliament" dated 17 November 2008 ("the Second Article") and "Somaliland opposition leader in quest for premiership" dated 20 January 2009 ("the Third Article") (together "the Articles"). Copies of the Articles as they appear on the Website and copies of English translations are attached.

The Articles contain a large number of allegations and/or inaccurate comments about our client. In particular, it is stated in the First Article that:

- "It has been confirmed that Dahabshill paid one hundred thousand dollars to Al-Shabaab. It is not clear why the company decided to pay such a large amount of money to groups linked to Al-Qaeda".
- "The company was involved in the heavy anti-aircraft artillery captured in Hargeisa. Dahabshill staff members helped two people involved.....to escape from the authorities".
- "Former Dahabshill accountant, Xarsi Cali, who got into politics through Dahabshill was jailed by Somaliland Intelligence.....and the owner of Dahabshill, Mohamed Said Duale, is still angry about [his] imprisonment".
- "Mohamed Said Dualeis a member of Al Itihad.....and he has succeeded to hide his association since the closure of Al-Barakaat".

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It is stated in the Second Article that:

- *"Dahabshill had been warned against facilitating UNDP to transfer funds through their bank to the parliament".*

It is stated in the Third Article that:

- *"The leader's current on-going trip to Nairobi is said to have been financially backed by the owner of Dahabshill".*
- *"The true motives behind Dahabshill's open involvement in politics is not clear".*
- *"It is widely accepted that big business establishments.....are often involved in all major political upheavals".*

These allegations are untrue and are highly defamatory of our client, being deliberately calculated to deter others from doing business with it. In particular, the allegations that our client is associated with and has funded known terrorists could not possibly be more serious.

The true position is as follows:

- Dahabshill was founded in 1970 and is the largest money transfer company serving Somali migrants sending money to the Horn of Africa. Our client has a large and loyal customer base and our client's reputation is reflected in the fact that it has money transfer contracts with the United Nations and other international agencies. In 2008, Dahabshill was awarded the Top Manager award by the International Association of Money Transfer Networks. Dahabshill is a member of the UK Money Transmitters Association and complies with all guidance and requirements of HM Revenue & Customs in relation to money transfers.
- Al-Shabaab is designated a terrorist by the United States government and Dahabshill has never paid money to that organisation. The allegation made by you has not been "confirmed" not least because it is not been made anywhere other than on the Website. To be clear, Dahabshill has no involvement whatsoever with money laundering or the funding of terrorist organisations and it places the highest importance on money laundering compliance.
- Dahabshill was not involved in any military action in Somalia and its employees have not assisted those involved to evade the authorities.
- Xersl Call has not been employed by Dahabshill for at least 2 years and is not associated with our client in any way whatsoever.
- Mohamed Said Duale is not a member of Al Itihad. As you know, Al Itihad is a terrorist organisation designated by, amongst others, the United Kingdom, the United States and the United Nations. Neither Dahabshill nor Mohamed Said Duale personally have ever had any involvement or connection with Al Itihad.
- Dahabshill has not been warned against facilitating the transfer of funds for the United Nations Development Programme.

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- Dababshill is not, and has never been, involved in politics in Somalia, Somaliland or another country.

In the circumstances, we require you to remove the Articles from the Website. It is imperative that this is done immediately if very serious damage to our client's reputation is to be avoided. We further require you to undertake in writing that you will refrain from making or publishing any other defamatory statements about our client as part of any future articles on the Website or elsewhere.

In the event that you do not withdraw the Articles from the Website and comply with the foregoing, we will advise our client to take further action against you which may include commencing proceedings against you for defamation (including in respect of any third party publication of the allegations based on the Articles).

We have written to the host of the Website, Blackfoot Hosting Ltd, informing them of the inaccurate and defamatory nature of the Articles.

We expect to hear from you no later than 4pm 4 March 2009.

Yours faithfully



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